

# THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

#### 2 - 3 December 2006 The Rudder Club of Jacksonville 8533 Malaga Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073, USA

#### Notice of Race

**1. RULES** - The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the prescriptions of US SAILING, the rules of participating classes, the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association (except as any of the foregoing are altered by the Sailing Instructions); and by the Sailing Instructions.

**2.** ALTERATIONS OF CLASS RULES - The rules of all classes with yachts participating as a class are altered so that membership in the class is not required. Flying Scots need to be FSSA members to be scored in the District series.

**3. ADVERTISING -** The regatta is classified as a Category "C" Event in accordance with ISAF Rule 20.

#### 4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

4.1 - Eligible yachts are those who have officially entered by completing a registration form with the Rudder Club in advance or during the registration period as set forth in the Notice of Race. Display of sail numbers shall be in accordance with class rules.

4.2 It is anticipated that yachts will be divided into the following racing classes: "A" Class Catamaran, Flying Scot, Snipe, 420's, Laser, Portsmouth mono-hull, Portsmouth multi-hull, and Cruising/PHRF Classes. Additional classes may be accommodated provided the minimum requirement of Rule 4.3 is met.

4.3 - A minimum of three registered yachts is necessary to constitute a class.

4.4 -PHRF class yachts are required to have a current PHRF rating certificate issued by the First Coast Sailing Association.

# 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**SATURDAY 2 December** - One design, and Portsmouth classes

Registration: 0930-1045

Competitor's meeting: 1100 Warning signal for first class: 1155

**SUNDAY 3 December -** Cruisers , One design and Portsmouth classes.

Cruiser Registration: 1000 - 1115 Competitor's (Cruisers) meeting:

1130

Warning signal for first one design class less multihull distance racers: 0955 Warning signal for cruiser classes and multihull long distance race: 1255

\*Note - No one design starting sequence will be commenced after 1230.

### 6. ADVANCE REGISTRATION

6.1 - Yachts may register in advance by completing the registration form and sending it with the appropriate fees to:

> Regatta Chairman Dick Allsopp c/o The Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc. 8533 Malaga Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073

6.2 - Advance registration shall be postmarked no later than 20 November 2006

#### 7. FEES

7.1 Entry Fee - \$25.00 \$20.00 - Entrants with current US Sailing membership card in their possession or listed on the US SAILING Web Site. as a member. Entrance fee for Rudder Club members as per Rudder Club provisions.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -** Changes to this notice or the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the exterior bulletin board prior to 1000 on the morning of each race. Subsequent changes will be made in the form of a notice to Competitors. Schedule changes will be posted prior to 1900 (7:00

PM) on the day prior to the race. This notice, registration forms and sailing instructions will also be available on Gator Bowl Regatta Web Site at <a href="http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/">http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/</a>.

**9. REGATTA SITE** The regatta site will be the Rudder Club of Jacksonville Inc.

**10. RACING AREA** The racing area will be in the St. Johns River as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north.

**11. COURSES** Courses will be as shown in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions. and on the Gator Bowl Web Site <a href="http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/">http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net/</a>.

**12. SCORING** The Low-point Scoring System, Appendix A of the racing rules, will apply. A yacht's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races. One race is necessary to constitute a series. A minimum of 3 races are necessary before a competitor's worst race will be discarded.

**13. PRIZES** Five prizes will be offered in classes of more than 10 yachts. Four prizes in classes of eight to ten; three in classes of five to eight; two in classes of three to five

and one in classes of three yachts. Trophies will be awarded following racing on Sunday 3 December 2006.

**14. Participation** Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

**15. FURTHER INFORMATION** For further information, please contact:

Regatta Chairman Dick Allsopp 3385 Sequoia Rd. Orange Park, FL 904-278-0329 dallsopp@ussailing.net

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# The Rudder Club of Jacksonville, Inc. 8533 Malaga Ave. Orange Park, FL 32073 (904)264-4094 RACE REGISTRATION FORM 2006 Gator Bowl Regatta

Captain		Sail Number		
Address		Boat Make/Model		
City/State/Zip_		Boat Name		
Telephone Emergency Contact:				
Address		Portsmouth Monohull	/	
City/St/Zip			/	
Yacht Club Affiliation		PHRF Spinnaker	/	
		PHRF Non-Spinnaker	/	
Member?	Yes No			
Rudder Club US SAILING		Paid participating on Saturday :	· ·	
Crew Names:				

# **Release of Liability**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) involved with the event with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage.

I agree to abide by the rules, regulations and sailing instructions of this yacht race.

Captain's SignatureDate	
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Parent/Guardian's Signature if a minor\_\_\_\_\_



# THE GATOR BOWL REGATTA

CRUISER CLASS and DISTANCE RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS **3 December 2006** *The Rudder Club of Jacksonville* 8533 Malaga Avenue Orange Park, FL 32073, USA

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the rules of the First Coast Sailing Association, and by these Sailing Instructions.
- **1.2** All US SAILING Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Regatta is designated Category C.

#### **2** NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Official notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board located on the north exterior wall of the Rudder Club. Notices may also be published on the Gator Bowl Web Site at http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net.

#### 3 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board on the Rudder Club north wall and on the Web Site. Changes after 0900 3 December will be in the form of a Notice to Competitors except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect..

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- **4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located on the north side of the Rudder Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "AP", Answering Pennant, displayed ashore with two sound signals (one when lowered) means "The race is postponed" The warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after "AP" is lowered.

#### 5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 One race is scheduled.
- **5.2** Class divisions shall be posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 5.3 Schedule:

SUNDAY 3 December - Cruisers, One

design multihull and Portsmouth classes.

1000-1115: Cruiser Registration. Registration forms for advance registration are available at http://gatorbowl.home.comcast.net

- 1130 Competitors Meeting
- 1250 Attention Signal (Code flag "F" and one sound signal)

**Note:** Multihull one design and Portsmouth classes sailing the distance race on Sunday will sail in accordance with these Sailing Instructions.

#### 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the International Numeral Pennants as depicted under Race Signals in the RRS

Class	Pennant	
Multihull Open	P1	
Multihull Spare	P2	
Monohull Open	P3	1.4 × 1.4
Spinnaker	P4	
Non-spinnaker	P5	
Cruiser	P6	

#### 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the St. Johns River between the Buckman Bridge to the south and the Fuller Warren Bridge to the north as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492.

#### 8 THE COURSE

**8.1** Race course for Cruiser Classes and multihull distance classes will be displayed from a course board on the committee boat.

#### 9. MARKS

- **9.1** Marks may be either government navigation marks as depicted on NOAA Chart 11492 (as corrected by Notices to Mariners), FCSA Race Marks or inflatable marks. Government marks will be designated by their number as appearing on the chart. FCSA marks will be designated by their Alphabetic designator. An orange tetrahedron set to windward of the starting line as a windward mark will be designated "W", WHISKEY. Approximate positions are shown in Appendix A.
- **9.2** A limiting mark may be set to protect the committee boat close to her and on the same end of the starting line. No yacht shall pass between the limiting mark and the committee boat. (This limiting mark is not a mark of the course.)

#### **10 START**

10.1 The Starting Line will be a line between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat and a mark set toward the left side of the course from the Committee Boat. Signals shall be in accordance with RRS Rule 26 with the following addition:

An attention signal (flag F with one sound) will be sounded five minutes before the warning signal for the first class to start. Flag F will be removed with one sound one minute before the warning signal.

.10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall remain clear of the starting area.

#### 11 CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

To change the position of the next mark, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration..

#### **12 THE FINISH**

The Finish Line will be between an orange flag flown on the Race Committee/Signal Boat/Rudder Club Dock and a mark set toward the right side of the course from the orange flag relative to the final leg of the course.

#### **13 TIME LIMIT**

The time limit shall be 3 hours for each class. Yachts failing to finish within 45 minutes corrected time after the first yacht of their class finishes will be scored "Did not Finish." This changes rule 35 and rule A41.

#### 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Rudder Club. They shall be filed with the Regatta Chairman. Protest time will end 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. Protests will be heard in the approximate order received.
- **14.2** Protest notices will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board within 30 minutes following the protest time limit.

#### **15 SAFETY**

- **15.1** Boats shall attempt to check in with the Race Committee by sailing past on the non- course side prior to their class Warning Signal.
- **15.2** Boats withdrawing from a race prior to finishing shall make every effort to ensure that Race Committee is notified that they have dropped out
- **15.3** All competitors are required to conform with the U.S. Coast Guard regulations and the RRS concerning personal floatation devices and other required equipment.
- **15.4** Yachts shall not impede the passage of a vessel which can safely navigate only within a narrow channel, and give way to commercial fishing vessels while fishing or vessels with restricted ability to maneuver.

#### **16 SCORING**

The Low Point Scoring System of appendix A will apply. Cruisers will be scored by PHRF Time on Distance and multihull open classes will be scored in accordance with the Portsmouth Yardstick (HC). One race must be completed to constitute a series.

# **17 PRIZES**

Results will be announced at the Rudder Club following the race. First, second, and third place prizes will be awarded for each class.

